

1 1. A method for providing interactive evaluation of a content item disseminated over
2 a computer network comprising the steps of:

3 (a) disseminating a content item to a plurality of individual users of
4 computers, wherein the content item is provided by one of said users;

5 (b) receiving evaluations of the content item from the individual users; and

6 (c) assigning a quality rating to the content item based on weightings of the
7 evaluations provided by the individual users.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the evaluation provided by a first individual user
2 is weighted to reflect an individual expertise rating of the first individual user.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the individual expertise of the first individual
2 user is based on weighted evaluations by other individual users of at least one of
3 the content items or evaluations provided by the first individual user.

1 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of sorting content items by
2 quality rating.

- 1 5. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of sorting content items by the
2 individual expertise of the provider of the content item.
- 1 6. The method of claim 4, wherein the evaluation provided by a first individual user
2 is weighted to reflect an individual expertise rating of the first individual user.
- 1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the individual expertise of the first individual
2 user is based on evaluations by other individual users of at least one of the content
3 items or evaluations provided by the first individual user.
- 1 8. The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of sorting content items by the
2 individual expertise of the provider of the content item.
- 1 9. The method of claim 2, wherein a first individual user may associate his expertise
2 for or against a content item provided by another individual user, thereby
3 affecting the expertise associated with the content item.
- 1 10. The method of claim 3, wherein a first individual user may associate his expertise
2 for or against a content item provided by another individual user, thereby
3 affecting the expertise associated with the content item.

1 11. The method of claim 4, wherein a first individual user may associate his expertise
2 for or against a content item provided by another individual user, thereby
3 affecting the expertise associated with the content item.

1 12. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of revising the weightings of
2 evaluations provided by users in accordance with pre-established criteria.

1 13. The method of claim 12, wherein the evaluation provided by a first individual
2 user is weighted to reflect an individual expertise rating of the first individual
3 user.

1 14. The method of claim 12, wherein the individual expertise of the first individual
2 user is based on evaluations by other individual users of at least one of the content
3 items or evaluations provided by the first individual user.

1 15. The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of revising the individual
2 expertise rating of the first individual user in accordance with pre-established
3 criteria.

1 16. The method of claim 1, wherein an individual user navigates through information
2 available over the network at least in part by providing evaluations of content
3 items.

1 17. The method of claim 3, wherein an individual user navigates through information
2 available over the network at least in part by providing evaluations of content
3 items.

1 18. The method of claim 4, wherein an individual user navigates through information
2 available over the network at least in part by providing evaluations of content
3 items.

1 19. The method of claim 7, wherein an individual user navigates through information
2 available over the network at least in part by providing evaluations of content
3 items.

1 20. The method of claim 12, wherein an individual user navigates through
2 information available over the network at least in part by providing evaluations of
3 content items.

